Forestry projects in Himachal Pradesh

3036. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what forestry projects are being implemented in Himachal Pradesh at present;

(b) the amount spent on these projects during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods;

(c) the progress of these projects, till date; and

(d) the steps taken to bridge the gap between deforestation and afforestation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The details of forestry projects being implemented in Himachal Pradesh at present, the amount spent on these projects during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods and the progress of these projects, till date are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(d) The Forestry Projects implemented in Himachal Pradesh are meant to bridge the gap between deforestation and afforestation in the State.

Statement

Details of forestry projects being implemented in Himachal Pradesh

(Rs. in Lakhs)

s. No	Name of the Scheme	Amount Released/Spent during		Progress
		Eighth Five Year Plan	Ninth Five Year Plan	
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	348,64	324.06	22 National Parks/Sanctuaries were provided assistance
2.	Eco Development Project	100.35	211.24	22 National Parks/Sanctuaries were assistance provided
3.	Modern Forests Fire Control Methods	39.73	100.47	In advanced stage of completion
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	977.74	169.11	1754 ha. area covered
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	627.94	515.02	21210 ha. area covered
6.	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	411.89	99.81	8273 ha. area covered
7.	Grants-in-Aid Scheme	12.43	10.06	—

Unnatural death of Saras cranes in Pali

3037. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 saras cranes, while they were on their way to the Jawai Dam in search of food and water, died in Pali